

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on the page in titled ABSTRACT at line 2 with the following amended paragraph.

A quick change cutting link of a saw chain comprises a base member adapted to be pivotally connected to other links of the saw chain. The base member includes a seat surface. A cutting member having a cutting edge releasably engages the seat surface of the base member. In one design, the base member seat surface has a first taper and the cutting member includes a surface having a second taper. The first and second tapers extend at an angle ranging from 0.5° to 45° relative to a direction of chain travel.